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Lt. Gov. Peter Kinder Lauds General Assembly for Passing New Assisted Living Measure

Bill Provides Stronger Safety and Security for Seniors

Jefferson City, Missouri- Lieutenant Governor Peter Kinder congratulated members of the Missouri General Assembly today for passing Senate Bill 616, sponsored by Sen. Bill Stouffer (R-Napton). As the Official Senior Advocate for the State of Missouri, Kinder was a key supporter of this new legislation. SB 616 more clearly defines Assisted Living facilities, creates licensing procedures and requirements and facilities must develop a plan to protect the rights, privacy, and safety of all residents.

“This bill gives seniors, their families and loved ones the care, security and safety they expect and deserve” said Lt. Governor Kinder. He added, “Senior’s will have better choices and the ability to work together with their caregivers to customize their care. I have worked with the AARP and numerous other senior groups to preserve Missouri seniors’ healthcare and dignity.”

AARP provided a statement. “AARP congratulates the Missouri Legislature on passage of SB 616. This legislation, when signed, will assure those who are seeking Assisted Living arrangements for their loved ones that they can rely upon the integrity of information provided by assisted living facilities. Thanks also for the efforts of Senator Bill Stouffer, and Lt. Governor Peter Kinder all of whom exercised leadership regarding this legislation.”

The bill now heads to the Governor.